



# PEARSON RANCH MS ORCHESTRA SUPPLY LIST FOR FIRST YEAR PLAYERS

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## **ALL PLAYERS NEED:**

1. [Soft cloth](#) – for cleaning instrument (many rentals will already include this in the case)
2. [Folding music stand](#)- for home practice
3. [Metronome/Tuner – Korg TM-60C or similar \(this is a tuner/metronome combo with a microphone clip\)](#)
4. [Orchestra-dedicated Black binder 1" with View Panel](#)
  - Binder should have inside of it: a pencil bag, four dividers, two pencils, and one highlighter (any color)
5. Solo Book: Suzuki Method Book 1 for Violin, Viola, Cello, Harp     Progressive Repertoire Book 1 for Double Bass
6. [Method Books](#): Essential Elements for Strings: Book 1 & 2

## **VIOLIN PLAYERS NEED:**

Good Quality Rented Violin (with fine tuners) and Bow (Real horsehair is preferred; Ask for a quality bow)

- [Luggage Tag with name on the case handle](#)
- [Rosin – Dark rosin](#)
- Correct Size Shoulder Rest: Brand Everest or Kun (can be attained at music store)

## **VIOLA PLAYERS NEED:**

Good Quality Rented Viola (with fine tuners) and Bow (Real horsehair is preferred)

- [Luggage Tag with name on the case handle](#)
- [Rosin – Dark rosin](#)
- Correct Size Shoulder Rest: Brand Everest or Kun (can be attained at music store)

## **CELLO PLAYERS NEED:**

Good Quality Rented Home Cello (with fine tuners) and Bow (Real horsehair is preferred)

- Luggage Tag with name on the case handle
- [Rosin – Dark rosin](#)
- [Cello endpin anchor](#) (No Rockstops Please)
- A chair/stool with a flat seat that allows the student's hips to be slightly higher than the knees (somewhat of a 90 degree angle). The chair or stool may not have arm rests.
- [Yearly shared classroom instrument rental fee from RRISD for \\$25.00](#)

## **STRING BASS PLAYERS NEED:**

Good Quality Bass German Bow for Rent (optional)

- [Rosin – “Pops”](#) brand recommended
- [24” wooden stool](#) for at-home practice- for students on a 1/8, 1/4, or 1/2 size bass
- [29” wooden stool](#) for at-home practice- for students on a 3/4 size bass
- [Bass Endpin anchor](#) (No Rockstops Please)
- [Yearly rental fee from RRISD for \\$50.00 per instrument rented \(2\)](#)


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## **IMPORTANT FOR ALL FAMILIES:**

- We do not recommend that any students purchase an instrument until they have reached the full size of their instrument and have at least an intermediate level of playing ability.
- DO NOT BUY AN INSTRUMENT SIGHT UNSEEN from any internet vendor such as Amazon, ebay, etc. These have proven to be low in quality and make learning to play extremely difficult.
- SPECIALTY STRING SHOPS ALLOW FAMILIES TO BUILD EQUITY TOWARDS HIGH QUALITY INSTRUMENTS!

# LOCAL STRING SPECIALTY SHOPS

All students must get sized in order to find their correct sized instrument. When in doubt, size down.  
BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR INSTRUMENT INSURANCE!!



Antonio Strad  
VIOLIN

Antonio Strad Violin- San Antonio  
[www.stradviolin.com/round-rock-isd](http://www.stradviolin.com/round-rock-isd)  
(1-800-284-9788)

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<https://www.violinshop.com>  
512-469-9343

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& ARTS™

Music & Arts - Round Rock  
[www.musicarts.com](http://www.musicarts.com)  
(512) 255-0558



STRAIT  
MUSIC

Strait Music - Cedar Park  
[www.straitmusic.com](http://www.straitmusic.com)  
(512) 918-3743



TERRA NOVA  
VIOLINS

Terra Nova Violins - North Austin  
<https://www.terranoaviolins.com>  
(512) 640-4072

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## WHEN SHOPPING:

- 1.) All Students must be sized
- 2.) Refrain from online instrumental purchases
- 3.) Violins/Violas/Cellos are affordable rental instruments
- 4.) Bassists should check out two instruments from the district - one for home and one for class as long as inventory is available
- 5.) There is a very small inventory of school-owned instruments available for rentals at PRMS for families who qualify for free/reduced lunch or who may be experiencing financial hardships.

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